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Rep. Urban Announces State Grant To Preserve Open Space In North Stonington



State Representatives Diana Urban, R-North Stonington today announced the State of Connecticut has awarded the Nature Conservancy \$337,500 toward the purchase of 303 acres of the Noyes property that will be used for open space preservation and recreation purposes.

Abutting Pachaug State Forest, acquisition of the Noyes property will further emphasize the need to preserve unfragmented forest. Approximately one mile of Miller Brook, a main tributary of Brood Brook (a trout fishery) runs through this property. Part of the property contains a section of Lambert Mountain, a predominate hill from which visitors can see to Long Island Sound and portions of the Quinebaug-Shetucket Corridor.

“Kudos to everyone who worked so hard on getting this grant,” said Rep. Urban. “Preserving this open space adds to our quality of life and is a win for the community. It was great to work with the Nature Conservancy and Kevin Essington on this important project.”

The grant is among more than 30 awarded today and is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The grants are awarded to projects that add to a community’s open space, enhance recreation in the area, protect unique geographical features or assist long-term acquisition plans. All applications are judged on the basis of the criteria and scoring system established for the program by the DEP and the standard established by the Natural Heritage, Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board.